



CITY OF HAYWARD
AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE 01/12/99
AGENDA ITEM 6
WORK SESSION ITEM _____

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Increase in the Rate Schedule for Taxi Cabs

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on a review of taxi rates the Hayward Police Department staff recommends the following:

- Increase the per mile rate from \$1.85 per mile to \$2.00 per mile;
- Increase the waiting time charge from \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour.

BACKGROUND:

In October of 1998, the Hayward Police Department Traffic Bureau was contacted by a representative of Veterans/Yellow Cab requesting we look into a rate increase. The request is specifically to increase the *per mile* rate from \$1.85 per mile to \$2.00 per mile (an increase of 15 cents) and to increase the *waiting time* rate from \$18.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour (a \$2.00 increase). This increase would put the City of Hayward rates equal to surrounding cities.

The Hayward Police Department Traffic Bureau contacted the cities of San Leandro, Oakland, Fremont, and Union City. These cities are currently charging the \$2.00 *per mile* rate and \$20.00 per hour waiting time rate. Additionally, the City of Pleasanton is considering raising their rates to equal those being charged by the cities mentioned above. It is expected that the cities of Dublin and Livermore will soon adopt those fee increases.

Currently three of the nine taxi cab companies operating in the City of Hayward operate cabs in other cities. With Hayward's rates being different, this causes problems for the cab companies having cabs available in Hayward with meters set at our rate. The cab companies are left with designating certain taxis for use in the City of Hayward in order to avoid overcharging customers and violating the law. This leads to a service level drop of taxis available for service to the citizens of Hayward. It costs the taxi companies approximately \$30.00 per meter to recalibrate to reflect any change in fees charged.

Process:

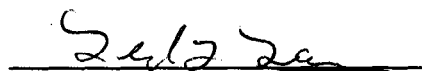
On November 13, 1998 public notice was given in the *DAILY REVIEW* of a public hearing to be held at the Hayward Police Department on Thursday, December 3, 1998. Additionally all the current taxi companies were mailed invitations to the meeting. The meeting was held and three persons related to two local taxi companies attended.

There were no negative comments regarding the proposed increase. The three persons in attendance supported the increase.

Conclusion:

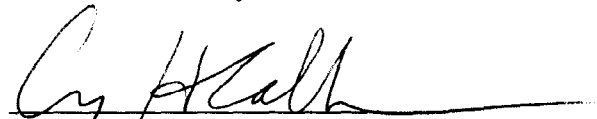
The Hayward Police Department recommends and supports the proposed increase in taxi rates charged. The last increase in rates was in 1994. A 15 cent *per mile* rate change and a \$2.00 *per hour* waiting time rate increase is reasonable and warranted.

Prepared by:



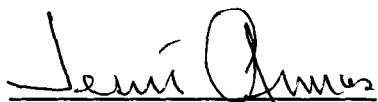
Lloyd Lowe, Sergeant

Recommended by:



Craig Calhoun, Chief of Police

Approved by:



Jesús Armas, City Manager

Attachment: Draft Resolution

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Council Member _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RATE SCHEDULE FOR
TAXICABS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that, pursuant to the authority of section 6-5.03 of the Hayward Municipal Code, the following is hereby approved as the amended schedule of rates to be charged for public motor vehicle service in the City of Hayward:

SCHEDULE OF RATES

Mileage Rate \$ 2.00 per mile

Waiting Time \$20.00 per hour

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to mail a copy of this resolution to the Chief of Police and to each person holding a current permit to operate a taxicab in the City.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 1999

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward